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SUBJEIO: INCARCERATION OF ARCHBISHOP TCHIDIMBO

REF: CONAKRY 1288

1. MGR. LUIGI BARBARITO, PAPAL NUNCIO IN DAKAR, HAS SPENT PAST WEEK INCONAKRY. HE MET WITH PRESIDENT TOURE TO DISCUSS RELEASE OF ARCHBISHOP TCHIDIMBO, POLITICAL PRISONER SINCE 1971. TOURE TOLD BARBARITO THAT THERE WERE "PERSONAL" REASONS FOR TCHIDIMBO'S IMPRISONMENT. BARBARITO SAYS TOURE FOR REASONS OF NATIONAL PRESTIGE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANOTHER ARCHBISHOP NAMED, WHICH VATICAN HAS

REFUSED TO DO WHILE TCHIDIMBO IMPRISONED. BARBARITO SEES VERY SLIM HOPE OF PACKAGE DEAL INVOLVING RELEASE AND EXPULSION OF TCHIDIMBO AND APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR AND HE IS NOT OPTIMISTIC.

2. BARBARITO FOUND THE GUINEAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (APPROXIMATELY 25,000) IN SOME DISARRAY DUE TO LACK OF ARCHBISHOP, EXPROPRIATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY AND NATIONALIZATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS. HE FEELS CHURCH HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION BUT HAS SUFFERED SAME RUTHLESS TREATMENT AS OTHER PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS. THIS WAS HIS FIRST VISIT TO GUINEA AND HE WAS DISTURBED BY "ATMOSPHERE OF REPRESSION AND FEAR".  
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